GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT IN STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines or instructions to all the State Governments to have a separate Ministry or Department named `Disaster Management` to tackle all natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have already complied with the above advise or likely to be compiling the above advise; and

(d) the action proposes by the Government against the State Governments which have so far not acted upon the said advice of the Government within a stipulated time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): The Government had recommended to all the State Governments to convert their State Departments of Relief and Rehabilitation into Departments of Disaster Management, with the responsibility of looking at the whole cycle of disaster management i.e. prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation.

(c)&(d): The States/Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Lakshdweep, Manipur, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttaranchal have already converted/redesignated their respective Relief Departments so as to include Disaster Management in their nomenclature. The remaining States/UTs have been advised to take similar action.